FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H3347

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TO: The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: One Voting System

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill authorizes the State Election Commission to adopt one voting system for conducting elections in the State and defines the voting system.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Section 6 of the Bill states this act will take effect upon approval by the Governor and when funding is available to implement the requirements of this act. The State of South Carolina is in the process of implementing a new statewide voting system. The voting system has been implemented in fifteen counties and equipment has been delivered to an additional twenty-seven counties. Federal and state matching funds have been authorized/appropriated and additional funding of \$359,727 requested for Fiscal Year 2005-06 to complete the purchase of the system, therefore, there should be no additional costs to the General Fund of the State.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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